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## Hoopeston Area teachers, other employees to get pay raises

Hoopeston Area certified and non-certified personnel will be getting a pay raise in the fall.

At Thursday's school board meeting, the board unanimously approved contracts for all certified employees.

The contracts, the second of a two-year agreement, will boost the base teaching salary by \$700 or approximately 3.5 percent, said Superintendent Don Dean. The new base wage will be \$20,100, he said.

Non-certified workers will get a 35-cent per hour increase, again approximately 3.5 percent, he added.

In other business, the district will request a waiver from the state board of education on the regulation requiring students to participate in physical education for years.

At the May meeting, the board approved a policy that would allow juniors and seniors to request non-participation in physical education to take preparatory classes for further education.

Once the district's request is submitted to the state, the legislature will vote on it, action Dean said would probably not be a problem.

Action by the state board on the request is not

expected until early next year.

Board member Steve Unger voted against the request saying he would have been more in favor of students opting out of physical education for one year, but not two.

In other action, the board:

approved spending approximately \$36,000 of Besselieu trust money on band and flag corps uniforms.

The Hoopeston Music Boosters will pay about \$8,000 of the cost, Dean said.

learned the high school will be without electricity and telephone service Friday and Monday when new service is installed.

accepted resignations from Tonya Behnke, high school special education teacher; Sandra Preston, fifth grade teacher; Jane Bray, high school physical education aide; Joan Mathis, Honeywell secretary; and Rita Tolch, high school drama club.

employed April Bailey, high school math teacher; Gretchen Brazel, high school Educable Mentally Handicapped program teacher; and bus drivers Rhonda Borders and Marilyn Neal.

## Haunting experience comes to McFerren Park Civic Center

A Revolutionary War patriot will haunt the McFerren Park Civic Center this weekend when the Hoopeston Playcrafters present the comedy "Gramercy Ghost."

Performances will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 20, 21, 27 and 28 and 2 p.m. Sunday June 22 at the civic center.

The play is set in Nancy Willard's apartment and features Kristi Evans as Nancy.

Other performers include Jeanette Andre as Margaret Collins, Charles Van Pelt as Parker Burnett, Robin

Lawson as Augusta Ames and Tom Hughes as Charley Steward.

Also, Mike Lander as Nathaniel Coombes, Mike Prosise as Officer Morrison, Jackson Stockdate as Irv, Dennis David as Rocky, Sarah Powley as the ambulance driver, Nickie Shafer as the assistant driver and Samantha Coon as Phoebe and the girl ghost.

"Gramercy Ghost" is directed by Tony Hasbargen.

Admission to the play is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 13 and younger.

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